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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document B1 is an advertisement in the October 1997 issue of the periodical "Mutual Funds" by Assignee for an "FDIC insured money market account with free, unlimited, no minimum checking."

Documents B2 and B3 appear to indicate dates of receipt for the October 1997 issue of "Mutual Funds" respectively, of September 8, 1997 at the Springfield City Library and September 29, 1997 at the Parish Library, University of Mexico, Albuquerque.

Document B4 includes a statement from a senior vice president of assignee regarding offering insured deposits in August 1997.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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